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1. Mohamed Allal El Fassi, second only to Ahmed Balafrej in the Istiqlal Party leadership and representative of that group on the North African Committee of Liberation, is planning to return to Morocco prior to 1 January 1949 accompanied by three other Istiqlal Party members presently in Cairo.

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2. Because Istiqlal leaders in Rabat have learned from a source inside the French Residency that Allal El Fassi will not be permitted to return to French Morocco, he will take up residence in Tangier. It is expected that he will assume control of the local Party organization and will be in a position to help direct Party activities in French Morocco. Although Ahmed Balafrej is Secretary General and titular leader of the Istiqlal, Allal El Fassi is the more popular leader and exerts a slightly greater influence over the organization.

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